

STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 31, 2010. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 11 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant and Applicant's undersigned attorney thank Examiner Milia for his courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during an interview conducted by telephone on November 19, 2010. Applicant's Statement of the substance of the interview follows.

At the interview, proposed amendments to the independent claims were discussed, to further differentiate the claims from Hanyu, Muto and Ootani. Specifically, attention was focused on the claimed error determination, in which it is determined that an error has occurred if the signal level of the report signal line is not changed from the second level to the first level within a time period including time for communication between the first and second controllers and time for rewriting the data of the nonvolatile memory.

Examiner Milia agreed at the interview that the amendments would overcome the applied art, although a new search would be need to be conducted.

In keeping with this indication, independent Claims 1 and 11 have been amended as discussed at the interview. Therefore, it is believed that all claims are allowable over the applied art.